

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 1-11 are allowed, and Claims 12-25 are canceled by way of the present amendment. Thus no new matter is presented.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 12-14, 17-20 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Wiser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,868,403); Claims 15, 16, 21, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wiser, and in further view of Warren et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,719,937); and Claims 1-11 stand allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable claims. In response, Claims 12-25 are canceled and the outstanding rejection has been rendered moot. Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-11 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

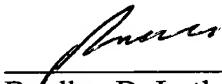
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